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MR STOKES SOLE OWNER

#### New York Hotel Man Buys Chesapeake Western

New York, April 24 .-- W. E. D. Stokes, proprietor of the Ansonia Hotel, became a railroad magnate Wednesday by purchasing the entire capital stock and all the bonds Western Railway Company. It cost him \$25,000 to buy in \$1,419. 000 of the road's first mortgage bonds, \$811,209 common and \$608, 400 preferred stock.

These securities are all that the property has standing against it, and they were put up at auction in Exchange salesroom, together with \$500,000 first mortgage bonds of the Pocahontas Company, which were included in the \$25,000 pur-

The securities had been hypothecated, and the sale was nothing more than a legal precaution to estoblish a clear title, but it makes Mr. Stokes the sole owner of a Virginia railroad, which, though only 31.96 miles in length, at present has projected ambitious extensions, which will carry it from Chesapeake Bay to Pittsburg and tap a rich coal country in Virginia.

A representative of Mr. Stokes

said yesterdey that the road had cost \$1,400,000 to build, and Mr. Stokes was prepared to bid up to \$400,000 or \$500,000 to obtain the property. Thomas Stokes, a brother of W. E. D. Stokes, has been interested in the road since it was incorporated eight years ago, and R. McM. Gillespie, who is president, is Thomas Stokes' son-inlaw. Besides its own length of nearly fourteen miles, the Chesapeake Western leases the Chesapeake & Western Railroad, giving a total of 40.96 miles of track operated, which runs from Elkton to North River Gap, Va.

Included in the railroad's assets are some 40,000 acres of forest land with promising coal indications. Mr. Stokes is prepared to push the road to completion along the original route, and vilt start drill work on the coal lands. His decision as to the advisability of completing the road will be largely influenced by the developments of the coal land exploration.

# Earth's Unknown Regions

No less than nine separate expetions are being fitted out to explore the Arctic and Antarctic regions and other mysterious parts of the earth's surface. It is natural that early spring should be the season of greatest activity in this line, for, in the polar regions at least, summer is the best season to make explorations.

It stirs the imagination to think that there are nearly 9,000,000 square miles of the earth's surface

lish and French parties will vie way to Churchville. with each other this year in attempts to gather knowledge of pleted it is excellent, and is as planned in Belgium.

brought explorers nearer and vet nearer to the Pole, but their is still an unknown region of 1,330,000 square miles, including the largest glacier in the world. There are at tlement. All accounts not settled this moment two expeditions struggling northward. One is the Anglo-American expedition of Mikkeslsen and Leffingwell, and the other conducted by Dr. Fredrick A. Cook. Other parties are

talking of similar attempts. Several expeditions are now exploring the little-known parts of South America and Africa. It is an interesting fact that the heart of Australia contains half a million square miles of territory virtually unknown, including a lake of 3,000 square miles, which is below sea level. A little light was shed on this region by an expedition from Glasgow a few years ago, and it is planned to send out another expe- Banner." dition this spring. American parties are exploring the headwaters of the Amazon and Orinoco, regions which have rarely, if ever, been visited by white men.

# Notice to Contractors and builders

Bids will be received by the School Board of Blue Grass District, Highland Co., Va., until like a wild goat, my youngest shrieks noon, May 1, 1908, for the erection and completion of the school building at Crabbottom, Va., in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Charles M. Robinson, school architect, Richmond, Va., a copy of which may be seen at the Recorder office, at M. K. Simmons, or by calling on or addressing the clerk of the Board, GEO. E. SWECKER, Clerk.

R. F. D. No. 1, Monterey, Va.

#### Judge McLaughlin

Before an audience composed of the members of the Staunton bar, totals of death, misery and ruin the board of supervisors of Augus- caused in four southern states by ta county and others interested Friday's tornadoes came to hand spectators, a portrait of Judge Wil- to day in approximately correct liam McLaughlin was unveiled in form. the circuit court room yesterday Briefly stated, they are: morning. The committee of ar-Killed (about) rangements, Messrs W A Pratt, A Injured, painfully or seriously 1,200 fail. It consists of shredding a small C Gordon and J Fred Effinger, had Homeless-Several thousand. made all arrangements and the ex. Towns reporting serious wreck-

ercises went through without a hitch. Mr Pratt, as chairman of Habitations and business houses the committee, asked Judge S II practically complete ruins in these Letcher, who succeeded Judge Mc-Laughlin on the bench, to preside.

Atter a short address in praise of ed Mr. J B Woodward to unveil and damaged. The number of the monument, and then introduc- dead will never be known accurateed Capt James Bumgardner, who ly, for about 300 of them were ne the donors, and Hon Absolom ties without careful record of their outstanding of the Chesapeake Koiner received it on the part of numbers. the board of supervisors of Augus-

Mr J A Alexander, after which Mr | ward the northeast. William Patrick and Capt R S Ker also enlogized the subject of the

Judge McLaughlin took his seat on the bench here in 1870, when is typical: Mr A B Lightner was sheriff and

Mr J N Ryan the clerk. temples os justice are only less sa

The portrait of Judge McLaugh-lin in oil is the work of Mr H M Wegner. The likeness is so strik-table and no one was injured. ing that one instinctively feels that he is in the presence of the late judge, and the first impulse is to district. The ruined towns have speak to him. Mr. Wegner has been visited by thousands of spechis wonderful success in this in- a few dollars in their pockets to stance.—Staunton Dispatch, April distribute among the needy. Sheds half.-New York Tribune.

der trouble that may result in taking inventories of the assistance Bright's disease when Foley's Kid-needed and rendering aid where it Take Foley's Kidney Remedy at in as many cities and towns. the first sign of danger. Swadley Bros., Vanderpool, Va. Sold by all Druggists, Monterey.

## Churchville Pike

Work on the Churchville pike is progressing at the rate of abou 200 feet of completed roadway each day, and considering the exacting character of the construction this is regarded as good proof which the civilized world knows nothing.

The unknown land and sea Churchville. This saves a diffiaround the South Pole covers more cult climb of the long hill and fur. series of six to be delivered by Mr.

As far as the pike has been com- and to interpret it properly.

## NOTICE

As I have closed my shop at Mill Gap I am now ready for setbe settled with SS Wade.

W. R. Pullin.

She Was Posted. "And do you doubt my love?"

asked passionately. "No, Samuel," she answered, with admirable tact, "but when you say that the day you call me yours will usher in an era of lifelong devotion and tender solicitude you-pardon me, dear, you put it on a trifle too thick. You seem to forget, Samuel, that I am a widow."-London Telegraph.

He Escaped. "I have a friend who is writing an Indian version of 'The Star Spangled

"I s'pose it begins, 'Osage, can Ute inquired the cheerful idiot, dodging immediately into a convenient doorway .- - Kansas City Journal.

As Good as the Zoo. "Will you come with me to the zoo this afternoon?"

"No, thank you; I would rather stay at home. My eldest daughter jumps like a parrot, my son is as surly as a bear, my wife snaps like a dog, and my mother-in-law, who is a veritable tigress, says I am exactly like an orang outang. So, you see, I have no need to go to the zoo to see strange creatures."

## A Difference.

your supporting me? Practical Citizen -That depends, young man. Are you going to run for office or do you want to marry my daughter?—Philadelphis habit the earth.

## Death List About 350.

New Orleans, April 26 .- The

2 500 towns (about)

The above figures do not include the wreckage on plantations and the late Judge, Judge Letcher ask- farms, scores of which were struck

By following the wreckage of towns the general direction of the An address was then made by tornadoes can be traced closely.

#### SOME REMARKABLE SIGHTS.

With the accounts of suffering have come recitals of remarkable experiences of which the following

At Amite, La., when the tornado appeared, seven persons were at the Capt Bungardner said that the dinner table of Hamilton Warner's home, including three children, cred than the temples of God. He Que of the diners, Claude Bennett, said he would confidently affirm saw the whirling cloud in time to the walls of an Augusta county shout a warning and rush outdoors, court room have never been pollut- but the others remained in the dined or disgraced by corrupt judg- ing room. The wind,in a second, tore ment. He referred to Judge Mc off two doors on opposite sides of Laughlin in most complimentary the room, and an astonishing proterms, and said the most powerful cession of live and inanimate obinfluence upon the public mind is jects began to pass into the room example. He referred to the late through these door ways. First Judge Hendren, Judge Fultz and came a calf running before the to the prominent lawyers, J Howe wind. The animal jumped over the Peyton, John B Baldwin and Geo dining table and went out the op-M Cochran, whose portraits now posite door. Afterward came a adorn the walls of the court room. horse which followed through the

been congratulated on all sides on tators, many of whom went with made from the wreckage have been the homes of hundreds. Small It is a pity to see a person ne- parties of men on horseback have glect indications of kidney or blad- gone through country districts, nev Remedy will correct irregulari- is most necessary. At least a doz- a chance to get some. It's a case of ties and strenghen these organs. en relief funds have been started

## POPULAR PLEA

OF HELL IS WRONG, DECLARES AN EVANGELIST-THERE WILL BE

TWO CLASSES OF SAVED PEOPLE That the old-fashioned conception of hell is wrong, that the millennium is soon due and that the idea of the world being destroyed pleted as far as the old Stogdale house. It has been determined to change the route after crossing mann's Hall by Mr Clarence E. Middle river bridge. This new Fowler, an evangelist of the Watch route follows the Stribling Spring road bearing to the right and cir-

than 6,000,000 square miles. Eng- nishes an even river grade all the Fowler. They will be delivered to encourage the study of the Bible

Mr Fowler explained the princithat vast region. The English good as, if not better than, any ples of the belief that the millenparty, under Capt, E. H. Shakle other road in the state. The grad- nium will come in 1914, and told Fixing his eyes on the offender, he ton, left London some months ago, ing and culvert work of the road of what he believed would be its said sternly: "What do you mean by and the French party, under Dr. is almost as good as railroad work, nature. He illustrated his address this, sir? Why in blazes did you not Charcot, is supposed to be starting and will, by its excellence, sur- with a chart, showing the ages of about this time. A third expedition has been undertaken from Buenos Ayres, and a fourth is its smooth solidity and is spoken with a chart, showing the ages of the world and at the same time declared that the fires of hell were of wind for which the admiral was Buenos Ayres, and a fourth is its smooth solidity and is spoken merely figurative and that if the unprepared. He was taken flat back. of with pride by those who live Bible is properly interpreted it can After a moment's hesitation he turned In the Arctic, past attempts have along the line.—Staunton Dispatch be seen that the punishment for to the captain and said meekly, yet sin will be eternal death.

> Mr Fowler, "are due to the fact that people have accepted literally many of the passages of the Bible partake of hell will not partake of the happiness of Christ's kingdom

"It is also said that the world Jesus comes to take possession of His kingdom. The fire the Bible mentions, we believe, is merely figurative, and that the present order of affairs will not pass away under flames. We do believe that there will be a time of great trouble marking the ending of the present

new reign of Cbrist.' Mr. Fowler islustrated his talk on the millenium by a chart showing the different ages, from the time of Adam to the flood. The "present evil world," which is ruled over, he said, largely by Satan, includes two ages-the Jewish age and the Gospel uge, the latter be-

ginning with the coming of Christ By quoting passages of the Bible and telling of the interpretation put upon its prophecies, he said the resent age was nearing its close. When the millenium begins, Mr. Fowler said, the dead will be ressurrected and restored to the earth. the wicked will die and stay dead forever and there will be two class-Young Aspirant-Sir, may I count on es of saved people. One class will assume spirit form and be associat-

### MAGIC IN MOROCCO.

Sharms and Spells That Are Used by

Moorish Women. Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell writes of the curious charms used by the women of Morocco: "Moorish women resort much to charms to gain lovers or to keep their affections when gained. There is one charm which is seldom known to piece of an undergarment which the man has worn and, after certain incantations have been said over it, of rolling the particles into the shape of a small ball. This is embedded in a large ball of clay and, after being slightly damped, it is kept in a pot over the embers of live charcoal.

"I have been assured that as scon as the heat penetrates the clay the man, whoever he may be, will lay aside whatever work he is doing at the time and fly to the arms of the woman presented the portrait on behalf of groes and were buried in communi- who invokes the charm. As long as the ball is kept warm so long will the heat of love burn in the heart of the lover for that woman.

"Another spell much resorted to is cast by cutting off the tips of a donkey's ears, cooking them and mixing Capt T D Ranson. Mr Chas Curry Apparently the storm struck in the them in the man's food. He then bebeing unexpectedly called out of separate currents, each describing comes as foolish as a donkey, with the city, his address was read by the arc of a circle and traveling to- love for the charmer who has provided his unsavory repast." - Chicago

# A WHALE'S MOUTH.

The Grove of Twelve Foot Quills That Fills the Cavern.

The rules for eating accredited to Gladstone and Fletcher, which required thirty-two, more or less, chews to each mouthful, were never meant for the true whale. It has no teeth, and it swallows its food whole, catching it in sel not far away being pounded on the baleen, or strips of "whalebone," which depend from the sides of its mouth. If a whale saw the whalebones that womankind are accustomed to using in their waists he would never recognize them as part of his alimentary system, they are so small. In the form in which they would be familiar to him they would be ten or twelve feet long and look like giant brushes, with a handle ten inches wide at the end.

One might wonder how any animal could close its mouth with a grove of twelve foot quills sticking out of the roof. When the mouth closes the slabs of baleen lie flat in grooves. When the mouth opens the slabs spring forward, completely filling the cavern. One whale may have as many as 700 in its mouth. Sometimes the weight of this giant mouth fringe is a ton, and the contents of the mouth of one whale taken in Bering sea on Oct. 20, 1883, weighed 3,100 pounds, or a ton and a

The Greed For Gold. "It's a deplorable thing, this greed for gold," said the mournful person. "Of course," answered Mr. Strius Barker. "If the greed for gold were not so general you and I might have too many people recognizing a good thing and trying to get in on it."-Washington Star.

#### COOLED THE ADMIRAL.

An Answer For Which the High Official Was Unprepared.

Going into a port where the water relates Captain A. T. Mahan, the chain cables "got away," as the expression is, control was lost, and shackle after shackle tore out of the hawse holes, leaping and thumping, rattling and roaring. The admiral was on deck at the moment, and when the chain had been at last stopped and secured he said to the captain: "Alfred, send for letting such things happen." The officer was sent for, and soon his questioning blue eyes appeared over the hatch coaming. Alfred was a mild person and clearly did not like his job. He could not have come up to the admiral's standard. The latter saw it and intervened: "Perhaps you had better leave it to me. I'll settle him." "The reason for these ideas," said mate: "That's true, Alfred. How the blazes could he?"

The Majesty of the Pyramids. useed merely as symbols. We do not believe that the fire and torment of possession of you gradually, so gradhell exist. Our conception of the ually do you learn to feel the majesty term is eternal death and those who of the pyramids of Gizeh, unlike the step pyramid of Sakkara, which even when one is near it looks like a small mountain, part of the land on which it rests. The pyramids of Gizeh look what they are-artificial excrescences, will be destroyed by fire when invented and carried out by man, expressions of man's greatness. Exquisite as they are as features of the drowsy golden landscape at the setting of the sun, I think they look most wonderful at night when they are black beneath the stars. On many nights I have sat in the sand at a distance and looked at them, and always and increasingly they have stirred my imagworld and the beginning of the ination. Their profound calm, their classical simplicity, are greatly emphasized when no detail can be seen, when they are but black shapes towering to the stars. They seem to inspire then like prayers prayed by one who has said, "God does not need my prayers, but I need them."-Robert Hichens in Century Magazine.

A Statesman's Confessions. For all his caustic wit Thomas B. Reed of Maine was as tender of heart as large of frame. He was not much of a hunter. "I never shot but one bird in my life," he once confessed. "I spent a whole day doing that. It was a sandpiper. I chased him for hours up and down a mill stream. When at last I potted him and held him up by one of his poor little legs. I never felt more ashamed of myself in all my life. I hid him in my coattail pocket for fear somebody would see how big I was and how small the vicchrist and the other class will in habit the earth.

tim, and I never will be guilty again of the cowardice of such an unequal battle. Exchange.

## THE FUR SEAL.

Animal With Heart, Liver and Kidneys Like a Sheep.

The fur seal is a land animal of perverted tastes, who, living at sea, has had his paws changed into flippers very like the long black kid gloves of a woman. His heart, liver and kidneys are exactly the same as those of a sheep and just as good to eat, but his flesh, although just like fat mutton to look at, is rank and distasteful from his habit of eating fish. The whole package is put up in a parcel of thick white fat to keep the body warm, while from the skin grows a heavy crop of beautiful brown fur, protected with large flat oil bearing hairs, making a glossy surface which slides through the water without friction.

Perfectly fearless, overflowing with fun, a perfect little athlete, marvelously strong, the fur seal is the most delightful of all wild creatures. But, although they live at sea, the seals, being heavily clothed in fat, skin and hair, find the temperate latitudes much too warm for comfort during the summer months. Since they cannot shed their garments like ourselves, they migrate to a subarctic climate, gathering in immense multitudes where there are fisheries to support them. Their ration is fifty pounds of cod every day, which for a creature the size of a sheep is considerable.-Exchange.

#### A STORY OF THE SEA.

Ian Who Braved the Storm and the Sailor He Rescued.

Off the coast of Ireland there was a terrible storm, and a crowd gathered on the shore to see a storm tossed vesthe rocks. Sturdy men launched a boat and

pulled away at the oars to rescue the imperiled ones. As the boat came back the watchers

on the shore cried, "Did you get them?" and they answered: "All but one. We had to leave him or risk the lives of all." And when they were landed a stalwart fellow stepped from the group and said, "Who will join me in the rescue of the remaining one?" Then an aged woman cried out: "Oh,

my son, don't go; don't go! You are all I have left. Your father was drowned at sea, and your brother William sailed away, and we never heard from him, and now if you are lost I will be left in sorrow alone." But the man replied: "I must go,

and other brave hearts launched the boat and pulled for the wreck. Anxiously the mother waited in tears and prayers. At last they saw the lifeboat coming nearer and nearer, and

mother. Duty calls me." Then he

when it was in hailing distance they called, "Have you got your man?" And the answer rang out clear above brother William!"

Nests of the Golden Eagle. Every pair of eagles whose habits I have had an opportunity of watching over a period of a few years would seem to have invariably at least two alternative sites for their nests. Some have three, and I know of one with four sites. In fact, I only know of one pair out of many which habitually resort to but one place and only one. The reason for this is, however, apparent, for owing to its situation it is in a small cavern on the face of an absolute wall of limestone rock some 800 feet high, at about 400 feet from of loose stone at an angle of forty-five degrees or so, above which again rise other precipices. To reach the nearest

point above this nest would be a long day's work.-London Saturday Review. University of Paris. The doctor's degree in the University of Paris is so entitled as to designate the faculty under which the work was done, as those who do literary work would receive the degree doctor of letters, etc. To obtain the doctor's degree the candidate must possess the lower degree of the corresponding division of work, submit two theses on different questions, reply to questions or objections concerning them, pay a fee of 140 francs and present 100 printed copies of one of his theses to the university. The candidate for the degree doctor of letters must write one thesis in Latin, the other in French. If in the scientific department, the thesis must be on some original investigation; if in theology, the examinations are both oral and written.-School Bul

A Convenient Possum. An old negro preacher gave as text, "De tree is known by his faul an' hit des onpossible ter shake d possum down." After the benediction an old brothe

said to him: "I never knowed befo' dat such text wuz in de Bible." "Well," admitted the preacher, 'hi ain't 'xactly sot down dataways.

th'owed in de possum ter hit de intel ligence er my congregation!"-Atlanta A Great Man. "Father," said little Rollo, "what is great man?"

"A great man, my son, is one who manages to gather about him a whole lot of assistants who will take the blame for his mistakes while he gets the credit for their good ideas."

"I feel," said the Boston giri, "that I have been on earth before in some remote period." "The glacial, maybe," ventured the reckless man .- Louisville Courier-Jour-

nal. A Shower Wedding. "And you say when the heiress became the wife of the foreign noble-

man it was a shower wedding?"

"My!"

"I should say so. The bride wore shower bouquet." "Yes." "And then there was a shower of rice."

"Followed by a shower of congratulations and old shoes." "Well, well! And how did it end

"Very embarrassing all round. The nobleman's creditors came around and presented a shower of bills."-Kansas City Independent.

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